

Summary: Notice of Funding Availability

Title: Legislative and Rule Analysis for Consumer-Directed Supports

Purpose: Analyze legislation, rules and policy of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services in order to determine barriers to consumer directed supports, and to make detailed recommendations regarding language that needs to be added or amended that will allow consumer directed supports.

Description: This RFA is being submitted to carry out an activity required under a federal grant award received by the NC Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) through the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services in its "Systems Change" grants. The Community-Integrated Personal Assistance Services and Supports (CPASS) grant is designed to advance the system of services and supports for individuals who have disabilities or long term illnesses by developing the capacity to respond to consumer desire for choice and control with their services and supports. North Carolina needs to examine its statutes and rules in order to align its practices toward more consumer-directed services and supports. The Contractor will review legislation, policy and other documents to identify policy that prevents consumers in North Carolina from accessing supports in a consumer-directed way. The Contractor shall recommend policy to permit consumer-directed service options while maintaining appropriate safeguards for individual health and welfare and system accountability.

Funding Availability: One applicant will be granted a contract for up to a maximum of \$110,000. The contract will begin on or about July 1, 2004 and end June 30, 2005.

Eligibility: Applicants must be a private non profit organizations, colleges or universities, or local units of government.

How to Apply:

An application must be submitted using the application format attached to the RFA. Budgets will be included as part of the application.

Deadline for Submission: All Applications, subject to the conditions of this RFA, will be received until 5:00 p.m., May 5, 2004. Faxed copies will not be accepted.

How to Obtain Further Information:

For more information please view RFA #9 on the North Carolina Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services web site, <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/mdddsas> under "Announcements," or contact Ann Eller, 3005 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-3005; phone number 919-715-2774, extension 275; email address Ann.Eller@ncmail.net.